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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
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**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation:
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 19, 2006, Gene DeJordy, Mark Rubin, and Stephanie Johanns, all with Alltel Communications, and Michele Farquhar of Hogan and Hartson, met with Commissioner McDowell and Angela Giancarlo to discuss universal service reform proposals pending before the Federal-State Universal Service Joint Board.

At this meeting, the matters discussed were: the universal service funding reform proposals, including auctions; wireless carriers' use of universal service support furthers the goals of universal service in rural areas; the higher costs wireless carriers incur to serve rural areas; and a funding mechanism based upon an efficient carrier's cost of service, portability of support, and accountability.

Attached is a copy of the written ex parte presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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